Claims

- 1. A method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein in a sample, wherein the sample is treated with protease, followed by treatment with an oxidase having an activity to produce hydrogen peroxide upon reacting with a glycated peptide to assay the presence and/or amount of a generated product or consumed substance by said reaction.
- 2. The method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein according to claim 1, wherein the protease is at least one protease selected by proteases produced by microorganisms belonging to the genus Aspergillus, Saccharomyces, or Bacillus.
- 3. The method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein according to claim 1, wherein the glycated peptide is an α -glycated peptide.
- 4. The method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein according to claim 3, wherein a peptide portion of the α -glycated peptide is a short chain peptide having 2 to 6 amino acids.
- 5. The method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein according to claim 3, wherein the α-glycated peptide is fructosyl valyl histidine.
- 6. The method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein according to claim 1, wherein the product to be assayed is hydrogen peroxide.
- 7. A method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated protein in a sample, wherein the sample is treated with protease and the presence or absence, and/or amount of liberation of fructosyl valyl histidine is then assayed by HPLC.
- 8. A method for assaying the presence and/or amount of a glycated peptide in a sample, wherein the sample is treated with an oxidase having an activity to produce hydrogen peroxide upon reacting with the glycated peptide to assay the presence and/or amount of a generated product or consumed substance by said reaction.
 - 9. A reagent kit for assaying a glycated protein in a sample, comprising the

- (i) protcase; (ii) an oxidase having an activity to produce hydrogen peroxide by reacting with a glycated peptide; and
 - (iii) a reagent for assaying hydrogen peroxide.
- 10. The reagent kit for assaying a glycated protein in a sample according to claim 9, wherein the glycated peptide is an \alpha-glycated peptide.
- 11. The reagent kit for assaying a glycated protein in a sample according to claim 10, wherein a peptide portion of the α -glycated peptide is a short chain peptide having 2 to 6 amino acids.
- 12. The reagent kit for assaying a glycated protein in a sample according to claim 10, wherein the α-glycated peptide is fructosyl valyl histidine.